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To: Polly Escovedo
Subject: RE: Comments on Proposition 84 Grant Guidelines

From: Reich, Stephanie [mailto:SReich@ci.glendale.ca.us]
Sent: Thu 12/10/2009 7:07 PM
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Dear Polly,

The CITY OF GLENDALE has the following comments on the grant guidelines for both the Urban Greening For Sustainable Communities Grant Program and the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program:

1. If the technical workshops for the grants will be held between March and September, it may be useful to postpone the application deadline from April 22, 2010 until after those interested would have an opportunity to attend a technical workshop.
2. Both grant opportunities will have more than one application period. If that's the case, a specific portion of funding should be available for each round, and those decisions should be transparent to all applicants.
3. The applications for both grants are (rightfully) demanding in their scope and breadth. A two-stage application process would be appropriate. The first round would consist of a project summary. The review team would have the opportunity to reduce the number of projects based on type of project and relevance to the goals of the state. Those projects would then move forward to the second stage and require full and complete application materials.
4. Priority should be give to larger municipalities where the greatest number of people would be impacted, and greater sustainability goals achieved.
5. Calculations for reduction in greenhouse gases is a new arena for most municipalities. Providing examples for quantifying reduction of greenhouse gases would be helpful to all applicants.

The following comment applies to the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program:

6. Planning needs and requirements in the North, Central and Southern California region vary widely due to geographic conditions and existing governance structure. There should be some recognition of these different needs within the application, and perhaps a prioritization based on these differences. This type of recognition may prevent a bias toward one region and not another.

Thank you again for this opportunity. I know it's late in the day on December 10, so please confirm this can be included in the published comments. And thank you also for all the helpful assistance you've already provided.

All the best,
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